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Southwest Area Command makes an arrest in local business burglaries

Southwest area Detectives have arrested William Hughes who is responsible for burglarizing businesses throughout Austin for the last two months.

On September 24, 2008, three burglaries of non-residences occurred from South Lamar to Slaughter Lane. Hughes would make entry into the businesses using large rocks to smash out front windows and make his way to the cash registers, taking whatever cash was left in the businesses overnight, leaving property and other valuables behind.

On the same day, officers in the Southwest Austin area noticed Hughes in a vehicle on Brodie Lane parked in front of several businesses that were just about to open for the day. Hughes matched the description of the burglar from one the burglaries that occurred several hours earlier. In the seat next to Hughes was a large rock, which was similar to the ones thrown through the glass in the previous burglaries.

Hughes has been charged with Burglary of Non-residence for the Lamar Plaza Drug Store. In addition, several area commands are looking into approximately 95 other burglaries that William Hughes may be responsible for that have occurred over the last two months.

Media advisory: A Detective will be available at 11 a.m. at APD Headquarters for interviews. Please call APD PIO if you plan to attend.

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